IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Franz-Christoph Bange

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For : METHOD AND KIT FOR THE SPECIFIC DETECTION OF M.

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Examiner : Rodney P. Swartz

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2008, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on February 28, 2009. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include attached Replacement Sheets.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.